



## 2. Provide technical rationale for the model/matrix

The conceptual model brings together concepts from landscape ecology, comparative risk assessment and the use of weight of evidence in decision-making. Pertinent background information will be summarized for each concept.

## 3. Review the model (matrix) and gain “buy-in” for its use

A simple communication strategy will be implemented to help convene a review team, and sustain their interest and participation in the process.

## 4. Build general rules and narrative criteria using the “risk matrix,” and describe a way to roll-up results to inform a decision.

Key aspects of this step are gaining consensus on the “problem statement/assessment question,” and plainly describing the assumptions used in the model.

## 5. Convene agencies team to “run” the model (i.e., fill-out the risk matrix).

Two or three agency meetings may be required where groups of staff work to complete the risk matrix based on what they know about the project. Three big tasks are completed during those meetings: (1) Getting a “grip” on the matrix/model and in particular the “risk statement/question,” (2) filling in the cells of the matrix, (3) rolling-up results into a risk statement (opinion).

## 6. Report Results of Review

At least two risk scenarios (opinions) will likely evolve from the review of project risk. That’s okay. The review team will decide how best to present differing risk statements (opinions) to deciding officials.

## **Suggested Schedule for Collaborative Review**

November, 2013	Convene review team and complete Steps 1-3
December, 2013	Complete Step #4.
January (22?), 2014	Begin Step #5, and conduct first meeting with review team (review and reconcile approach)
February, 2014	Prepare for second review team meeting
March (5?), 2014	Conduct second meeting to complete review
March (28?), 2014	Submit report from the review team.